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Ex parte BRUCE LEROY BEUKEMA, RONALD EDWARD FUHS,
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STEVEN MARK THURBER and BRUCE MARSHALL WALK

Application 09/731,998

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 27, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed February 22, 2005. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statement submitted nor notified applicants of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Further, the Examiner's Answer mailed July 13, 2005 does not comply with the headings as set forth in the new rules under 37 CFR § 41.37(c). Correction is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner for such consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement, to vacate the Examiner's Answer and submit a revised Examiner's Answer in compliance with the new rules effective September 13, 2004, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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